IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PIUS C.KURIAKOSE

THURSDAY, THE 15TH MARCH 2007 / 24TH PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 8746 of 2007(N)

PETITIONER:

A.MANAF, PWD CONTRACTOR,
KODIVILA VEEDU, NJAVELIKONAM,
KILIMANOOR, TRIVANDRUM.

BY ADV. SRI.S.RAMESH BABU

RESPONDENTS:

KARAVARAM GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PANCHAYATH
OFFICE, KARAVARAM, VANCHIYOOR P.O.,
KARAVARAM.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 15/03/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

PIUS C.KURIAKOSE, J.

W.P.(C)NO. 8746 of 2007

Dated this 15th day of March, 2007

JUDGMENT

The grievance of the petitioner, who was a contractor to the respondent Panchayat for carrying out certain works, is that the amounts claimed as per Exts.P1 and P2 bills are not being released at all. According to the petitioner, unless payment is made before the closure of the current financial year, the fund will lapse and the petitioner will be put to hardship.

I do not prose to take a decision on the genuineness of the grievance voiced. But considering Exts.P1 and P2, I am of the view that the Panchayat shall take an early decision on the question of releasing payments to the petitioner. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent Panchayat to take a decision on the release of the amounts claimed under Exts.P1 and P2 immediately and at any rate before 30.3.2007.

PIUS C.KURIAKOSE
Judge

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